

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 5-16 are pending after entry of this paper. Claims 1-2 and 5-16 have been found allowable. Claims 3-4 have been cancelled without prejudice, and their subject matter was incorporated into claim 1. Applicants reserve the right to pursue cancelled claims in a divisional or continuing application.

Claims 1, 11, 12, and 13 have been amended for clarification. The claims as originally filed included a preamble with the “immersing” and “supporting” elements as demonstrated by the elements preceding the transitional phrase “characterized in that.” Support may be found in the originally filed claims and allowable claims.

No new matter has been introduced nor would a new search be required by these amendments. Consideration and entry of the above claim amendments and below remarks are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the amended claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

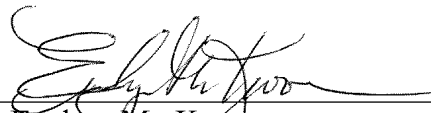
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. 4819-4741.

Applicants believe this paper to be timely filed. In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. 4819-4741.

Respectfully submitted,
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